

DIVERSITY CAFE



THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

World Peace

Café News

- The Committee to Conserve Chinese Culture will be hosting its annual Public Works Chinese New Year celebration in February. For more information, please contact John Cheng at (626) 458-6540.
- The Public Works' Black History Committee will host its Black Heritage Month celebration on February 20, with live entertainment and a catered lunch. This year's theme is "Celebrating Historical Black Colleges and Universities." For information, please contact Elmer Jacobs at (626) 458-2592.

Test Your Knowledge: True or False!

1. Where is one of the largest annual New Year's Eve celebrations staged?
2. What are the three most common New Year resolutions?
3. The name January is derived from the Roman god Janus. What is he the god of?

(Answers below)

Café Quote of the Month

"The most important thing to remember is this: To be ready at any moment to give up what you are for what you might become."

- W. E. B. Du Bois

January Café Special

"Getting to Peace"

Is "World Peace" on your wish list for 2013?

While world peace may seem out of reach, creating personal peace at home and in your workplace is certainly obtainable, and you can achieve it by following a few guidelines.

According to William Ury, author of "Getting to Peace" there are always three sides to every conflict. The third side can transform destructive disputes into profitable cooperation. To achieve this goal, people on the third side have to play ten different roles:

To prevent the escalation of conflicts, they should act as **providers** to reduce frustrated needs, as **teachers** to supply conflict-management skills, and as **bridge-builders** to strengthen relationships. To resolve conflicts, they should act as **mediators** to handle conflicting interests, as the **arbiters** to settle disputed rights, as the **equalizer** to compensate for unequal powers, and as the **healer** to cure injured relationships. To contain conflicts, they should act as the **witnesses** to pay attention, as the **referee** to remove limitations, and as the **peacekeeper** to provide protection. Peace is achievable. All we need to do is act on the third side.

Chinese Lunar New Year

The day of the Lunar New Year is the most celebrated holiday of the year for nearly 1.5 million persons of Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese descent in Southern California. It is celebrated with colorful festivals, parades, and, most importantly, large family gatherings. It is also a time when ancestors are fondly remembered and families give thanks for their blessings. The Chinese New Year Festival is based on the lunar Chinese calendar. The first day of Chinese New Year 2013 will be celebrated on Sunday, February 10. The festival will end on Sunday, February 24, 2013.

MLK Jr. Day - Making a Difference in Our Communities

January 21, 2013, will mark the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal holiday. The "2013 MLK Day of Service" will include thousands of projects spread across 50 states. These projects will include delivering meals, refurbishing schools and community centers, collecting food and clothing, and more. The MLK Day of Service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community" or just and peaceful society. For more information, please visit <http://mlkday.gov/index.php>.

Diversity Calendar

February 16, 2013 - The 114th Annual Golden Dragon Parade features cultural floats, dance troops, and lion and dragon dancers. The parade begins at 1 p.m. along North Broadway in Chinatown.

February 16-17, 2013 - Chinese New Year Festival sponsored by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles will be in China Town from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information on the festival or parade, please call (213) 617-0396 or visit www.lagoldendragonparade.com.

Answers:
1. Sidney, Australia
2. Losing weight! Stop smoking. Stick to a budget
3. Gates and doors

VISION

Creating communities...sustaining life

MISSION

We provide public infrastructure and municipal services
to protect and enrich the daily lives of over
ten million people in Los Angeles County

VALUES



Safety



Integrity



Teamwork



Transparency



Excellence



Employees



Sustainability

CORE SERVICE AREAS

Public Buildings

Transportation

Waste Management

Development Services

Water Resources

Emergency Management

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